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Subject: SWRO Call for Water Quality Improvement Projects
Attachments: 2022_NoticeofIntentSWRO.docx

Dear Watershed Stakeholders,

As Washington transitions into a phased approach for reopening business and modifying physical distancing measures, Ecology remains committed to our mission to protect, preserve, and enhance the environment. The Water Quality Program continues to manage active water quality improvement projects and preparations are underway for the next cycle of [Water Quality Combined \(WQC\) Program Funds](#) (Fiscal Year 2022). The next biennium budget will likely be impacted from the COVID-19 crisis, but we don't expect significant cuts to the WQC financial assistance available to public entities and non-profit organizations.

We know that projects often take months to develop, so Ecology is currently seeking project ideas that will prevent or reduce nonpoint source (NPS) pollution in Washington's lakes, rivers, streams, and marine waters. Early coordination with Ecology is highly encouraged and may help applicants develop better project ideas and more competitive applications.

Project Development and Application Process

Ecology's Southwest Regional Office (SWRO) has a two-phase application process for water quality improvement projects.

1. **Notice of Intent** - Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) by Monday, June 15, 2020 (see attached template). Submitting a NOI is voluntary, but is the first step to notify Ecology of the intent to prepare an application. Applicants may withdraw their NOI at any time and are not obligated to submit an application.
2. **Application** - Submit a complete funding application in [Ecology's Administration of Grants and Loans \(EAGL\) database](#) by Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Funding decisions are expected by July 1, 2021.

Who can apply for funding?

- Public entities, including: counties, cities, and towns; water and sewer districts; port districts; conservation districts; irrigation districts; school districts; federally recognized tribes; and Washington State institutions of higher education if the project is not included in the institution's statutory responsibilities.
- Nonprofit organizations (eligible for Section 319 funds only).

Funding Cycle Schedule

1. Submit a Notice of Intent to Ecology SWRO by Monday, June 15, 2020.
2. Coordinate with Ecology staff to develop nonpoint project ideas and review the draft application (Table 1).
3. Attend an Applicant Workshop in August 2020 (Figure 1).

4. Submit application in EAGL by 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Project Development Resources

In an effort to help applicants develop better project ideas and more competitive applications, Ecology SWRO has compiled a suite of resources that are available online at: <https://tinyurl.com/ECY-SWRO-WQGrants> [PDF].

Table 1: SWRO Nonpoint Activity Team Members

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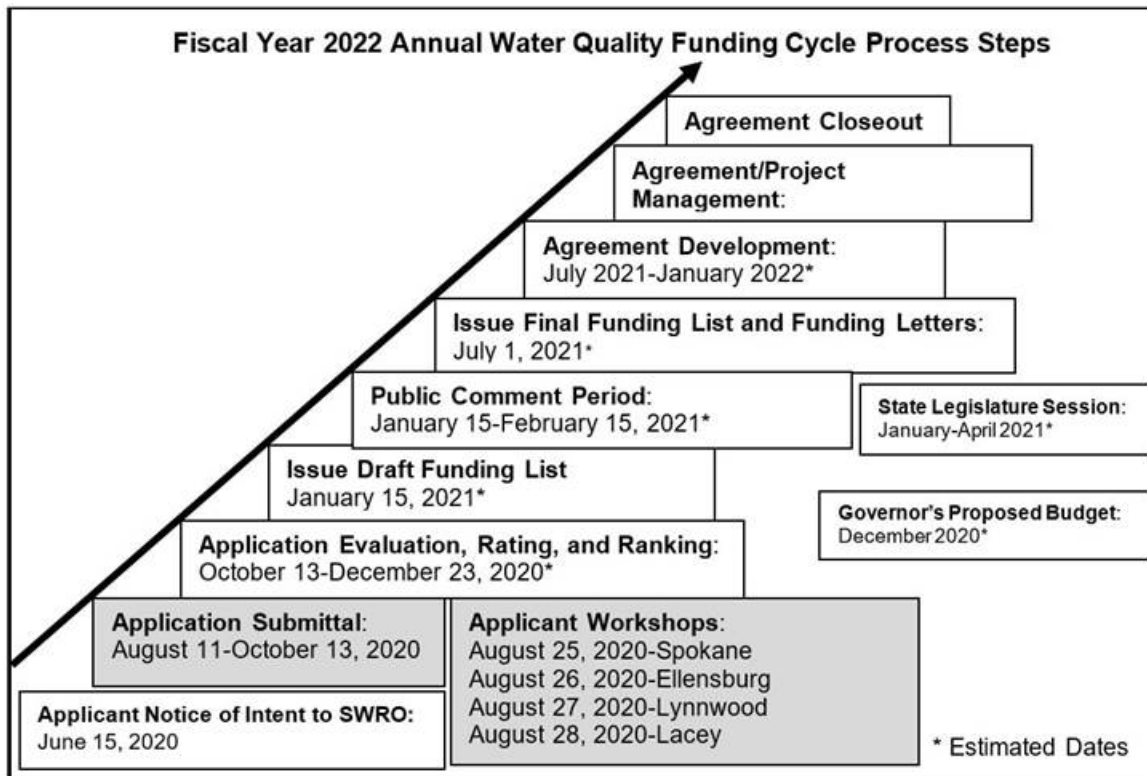


Figure 1: The SFY22 Funding Cycle